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Request for Expedited Procedure
Under 37 CFR § 1.116
Group Art Unit: 1743
Docket No.: F0222.0045/P045

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Alan Derek Cookson et al.

Application No.: 09/180,335

Art Unit: 1743

Filed: February 25, 1999

Examiner: J. R. Snay

For: METHOD OF ASSAY

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2004, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

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CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.